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March 9, 1977

Presidential Directive/NSC-5

TO: The Vice President
 The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Secretary of the Treasury
 The United States Representative to the
 United Nations
 The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Southern Africa

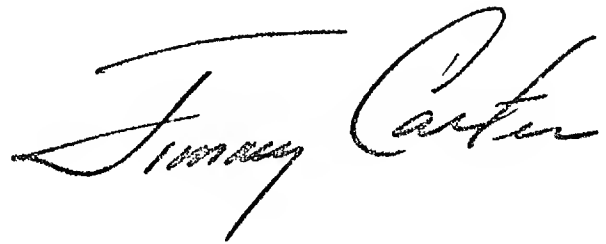
After full consideration of the views presented at the meeting of the National Security Council held March 3, 1977, I have concluded that the U. S. Government will adopt a new focus in its policies toward the Government of South Africa. Our aim will be to promote a progressive transformation of South African society.

1. To implement this new policy I direct Secretary Vance, in consultation with Ambassador Young, to take the lead in drawing up a paper outlining a sequence of events designed to promote the progressive transformation of South African society, including specific steps the U. S. might take. The paper is to consider how, when and by whom this new focus should be made known to the SAG, to black African leaders, and to the American people. It should also include specific recommendations as to the U. S. position on: a Chapter VII vote in the U. N.; conclusion of the ERDA-SASOL contract; and U. S. -SAG nuclear cooperation.
2. I direct Secretary Blumenthal to speak with the presidents of the 12 corporations and ask them to expand their number, and outline specific steps to implement the principles they have adopted to govern their activities in South Africa.

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In addition, I direct the Intelligence Community to study the effectiveness of possible sanctions (in addition to repeal of the Byrd Amendment) which the U. S. might apply against Rhodesia, including shipments of oil by subsidiaries of American-owned companies, and the possibility of enlisting the cooperation of other nations with major economic ties with South Africa.

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